to a Spaniard's wife, who was hanged in the marlet place , tne other a sailor that for defacing some things in a church was thnce brought to the gallowb, but at length his LordsniP was intreated to grant him mercy

On the Monday the battery began, and by evening it -was seen that the *cavalero* flanking the gate be^ng made c: sandy earth -was ready to fall at the next ram Next day therefore they sent forth a drum from the tort to demand p«trlev? tne sum ot their demands being that with colours 3ving, ma;cn ji tueir cocks and bullets in their moath, they should be &et cejona the point at the Bridge to go whither they \voold , farther that aL the prisoners be delivered without ransom M; Lord atterlj refused any such composition, but instead he offered tnein these articles written \\^th his own hand

* A resolution w[r]hich you *mzy* trust to I am content to give yourself and all your people their lives, }ourself \vith vour captains and officers to pass with your arms , all the rest of your soldiers with their rapiers and daggers only

* You shall all stay here with me till I gn e you passage from the Island, -which shall be within thirty days.

" Any one of you, which I shall choose, shall go with nie into England, but shall not stay longer there than one month, but being well fitted for the purpose shall be safely sent home into Spain without ransom [n]

It was doubted whether there were any in the fort that spake English, and therefore some were wishing the articles were translated into Spanish, but his Lordship peremptorily refused to seek their language but would have them find out his Next morning the Spaniards accepted of these conditions, so that day the Governor and his company dined with my Lord, and after dinner the Governor went and

brought out his companies (which of all sorts were near 400) and delivered the leys The fort being occupied by our men, the fleet was commanded to come into the harbour, which all this time had nd without, for it is impossible that any ship should pass that point without sinking unless the fort grant her passage

My Lord's intention now was to hold Porto Rico, for this is the very key of the West Indies which locketh and shutteth all the golu and siher in the continent of America and Brazilia.